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✓ **Page 17, Table 1, Serological Group:** Please delete the numbers "0.041667" and insert - -1A- -. Please delete the number "0.08333333" and insert - -2A- -.

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